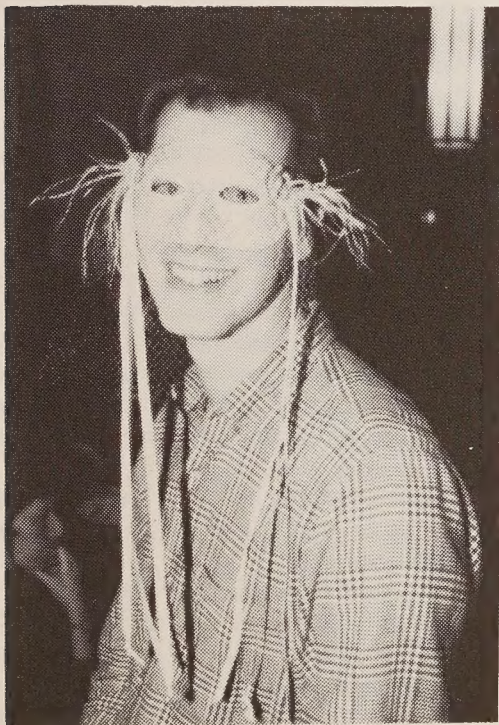


A Woman's M'chayeh*! Spring Dance & Celebration

Let's celebrate spring and each other at Sha'ar Zahav's second dance for Jewish women and our women friends. Join us for "A Women's M'chayeh! Spring Dance and Celebration" on Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am at the Unitarian Center, Franklin and Geary streets, in San Francisco.

Advance reservations may be made until April 27: \$8 CSZ members and \$10 non-members; (\$12 and \$15 at the door). Child care reservations are available until April 27. For reservations and information call the synagogue office. If you can help with the dance, please call Ann Biderman at 648-5526. Let's take this opportunity to inspire and renew ourselves and each other. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

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Peek-a-boo! For more Purim photos, see pages 8 and 9.

Education News This Month

Israel Education Series

Israel is in the news every day. But do we really get all the facts? Beginning Friday night, March 30, CSZ will present a series of speakers/discussion sessions on Israeli life and politics today. David Bernstein, UAHC National Shaliach (Emissary) opens the series with "Challenges as Israel Enters the 1990s."

The following four programs in the series will be on Wednesday nights, from 7:30 to 9 pm in the library.

- **April 18: "Prospects for Peace"**—discussed by Uri Dromi from the World Zionist Organization and Mohammed Hijazi of the Foundation for Mideast Communication.

- **April 25: "Touring in Israel Today"**—with Dubi Barcan, Israeli-American travel agent.

- **May 2: "Glasnost and Israel—Implications of Changes in Eastern Europe"**—presented by the Honorable Anna Azari, Consul of Israel.

- **May 9: "Life for Gay and Lesbian Israelis"**—presented by a panel of Israelis and Israeli-Americans, including Dr. Amalia Bergman who has been active in lesbian and feminist causes in Israel and is co-founder of Israel's Feminist Cultural Center.

Adult Education

The Education Committee is preparing an adult program for the spring 1990 semester. Claire Sherman will run several art workshops called "Jewish Ritual Objects: How to Use Them; How to Make Them." The first workshop will be held on June 3. We are also meeting with several local educators hoping to offer a course in Judaism and Feminism. The details of these two courses will be in next month's *Forward*.

The Education Committee welcomes any suggestions with regard to the type of courses and programs you would like us to offer. Please contact Elliot Gordon at 252-1253 with your ideas.

Scholar in Residence

Celebrating Sha'ar Zahav's Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Education Committee will be presenting a Scholar-in-Residence weekend in early June. This program of Torah and study will feature Rabbi Stacey Offner. Rabbi Offner brings a lesbian and feminist perspective to her rabbinate. She teaches at Hamline University and is rabbi of Shir Tikvah—a progressive congregation committed to lay leadership in St. Paul, Minn. Rabbi Offner will speak at Shabbat services on Friday evening, June 8, and will lead a study session on Saturday June 9 at our synagogue.

1990 Elections Slate

The Elections Committee has nominated candidates for our 1990 congregational elections. The voting will take place at the annual congregational meeting at 4 pm on Sunday, May 20. Open positions are: president, vice president, recorder, treasurer, as well as five seats on the Va'ad (one for one year and four for two years).

If you are a member in good standing and have not been contacted by the Elections Committee, you are eligible to add your name to the slate by simply sending a letter stating the position for which you wish to run. The synagogue office must receive your letter of intent no later than April 5 at 5 pm.

The final slate will be listed in the May *Forward* and will be included in a mailing of elections materials to all members. Included in the mailing will be candidates' statements and instructions for those who wish to vote by absentee ballot. All members should receive the elections packet by April 20.

Four Questions for Passover

Asking questions is at the center of the Passover Seder. Among the best-known phrases we rediscover year after year is the opening question: "Why is this night different from all other nights?" On the Seder night, we do and say and think differently than we do on the other nights of the year. Each year, as we return anew to this question, we also ask: "How is Passover different this year from the last time we gathered to ask one another these questions? Has freedom and liberation advanced or declined in the world, both in our personal sphere and around the globe?" The framing of the questions we ask and our tentative answers are informed by the wisdom and experiences we have gained since Passover a year ago. My questions this year include:

What took them so long? According to legend, the Israelites were enslaved in Mitzrayim for 400 years. What changed to make it possible for them to go free? Was it the emergence of leaders? Was the burden of their oppression too much to bear? The past months' events—from failure in Tiananmen Square to triumph in Bucharest—have led me to wonder about the importance of mass demonstrations, grass-roots leaders and "popular will" versus control of the military and police, access to media and determination to maintain power. I fear that I have been too caught up in the spiritual dimensions of liberation and therefore ignored the more pragmatic realities. Nonetheless, I remain convinced that the leap of faith to believing that circumstances can be different from how they are is the necessary first step towards all liberation.


Where was the resistance? Was there a resistance movement amongst the pyramid builders? Moses' birth and survival was a result of the Israelite resistance. There is now a Chinese student movement in exile. In Eastern Europe, many of the new leaders have been active in underground activities for years. While popular history usually remembers only decisive, final moments (as does the Haggadah itself), at Passover we should also reflect on the many small steps, hidden acts and years of silent planning which lay the groundwork for liberation.

Are we in denial about our own oppression? The Israelites in Mitzrayim were afraid to leave. Surely oppressed, they also did not wish to endanger their already precarious situation. By and large we are comfortable, as Jews, as lesbians and gay men and their families and friends. I wonder if we are not too complacent about our own situation. Anti-gay violence appears to be on the rise. In addition to the reports of bashings and murders in other places, the *Bay Area Reporter* reports weekly on harassment and violence in our own neighborhoods. Gay civil rights and protections for people living with HIV have been defeated in a variety of localities in recent months. But daily and as individuals, by and large we do not experience anti-gay discrimination. Let us not allow our own ability to pass deceive us. Similarly, while I do not worry about a significant growth in anti-Semitism in this country, I am concerned that the emergence of latent anti-Semitism will be an undesirable consequence of the new era in Eastern Europe.

What have I done "to go forth from Mitzrayim"? The Haggadah teaches: "In every generation, all people must think of themselves as having gone forth from Mitzrayim." Who and what are the internal and external Pharaohs around you? What steps can you take, at this year's Seder and at Passover this year, to further your own liberation from oppression and freedom from bondage? Together, how can we labor towards a final redemption for all who are in need?

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav provided a community that meant a great deal to David Glassberg and Tristano Palermino. To all those who provided such loving support for them, their friends and family during their illness and passing, and for all the generous donations made in their memory, thank you.

—Steve Weitz

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Passover Yizkor Service

The congregation will observe Yizkor for Passover at a special service on Sunday, April 15, at 8 pm in our sanctuary. Yizkor is the name of the memorial service held on Yom Kippur and, according to custom, on the last day of the festivals. In consideration of the ongoing loss in our community, the Ritual Committee is planning this Yizkor service as a time to come together for all who are mourning or have experienced loss. The liturgy will be an original service, drawn from Sha'ar Zahav's prayerbooks and other sources. Names of loved ones of participants will be gathered before the service and read from the bimah along with the names of deceased members of the congregation. For more information, please call Rabbi Kahn.

Info-Line Volunteers

Jewish Community Information and Referral, the Jewish community's free telephone information service and a program of the Jewish Community Federation, needs volunteers to staff the phone lines.

"You don't need to be familiar with the community. We'll teach you," said Nina Bruder, JCIR director. Bruder is looking for people who are willing to commit to one morning per week (9:30 am to 1:30pm) for a minimum of six months, to answer phones and give out information.

Anyone interested should contact Ms. Bruder at JCIR at 777-0411.

Oneg Sponsors

During February, onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 2 Elaine and Alan Orvis, in memory of Cheryl Orvis
- 16 The Va'ad, in honor of Scott Mezistrano, in appreciation for the wonderful work he has done as Oneg chair

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Operation Exodus

Israel, created by the determination, hard work and foresight of immigrants, is in the process of welcoming the latest and largest wave of new citizens yet.

Currently, more than 150 Soviet Jews are arriving each day at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. With huge numbers just waiting for available transportation, experts expect that more than 200,000 Soviet Jews will arrive in the next three years.

The Bay Area Jewish community has joined Operation Exodus, a \$420 million national fundraising effort launched to help pay for transportation and absorption services for Soviet Jews. The dollars raised will help emigres in the acquisition of language skills, jobs and housing here and in Israel.

Bay Area Jews will be asked to participate in this effort by contributing to Jewish Community Federation's Operation Exodus campaign. Funding for local resettlement, supported for the past year by the JCF's Project Freedom campaign, will be folded into Operation Exodus.

A number of activities in support of this historic emigration, including a citywide rally, are in the planning stages. Information will be available through synagogues and other organizations. Please join in this exciting undertaking.

Children's Pesach

The Jewish Community Library will set the stage for fun and games on April 1 at 2 pm. The children's Pesach program features storyteller Joan Sutton, who uses puppets, costumes, sound effects and masks to tell the Passover story. Sutton will invite her audience of children and their adult companions to join in the holiday fun.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Jewish Community Library, will conclude with refreshments. For more information, call 751-6983. The Jewish Community Library is located at 601 14th Ave. (at Balboa), in the Richmond District of San Francisco.

Editor's Note:

Due to a special 13th anniversary issue of the Forward scheduled for publication in June, a double May-June issue of the Forward will include June calendar and information. The deadline for this combined issue will be the Va'ad meeting on April 16.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the special anniversary issue should call Rick Wilson at 647-3258 or Don Albert at 641-5113.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in March. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Cheryl M. Bryan
Gary Stephen Carr
Henry Hirsch Carrey
Roslyn Fuerman & Katherine Gulley
Carole Migden
Nina Raff & Annie Winters


New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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Sanctuary Service

We will renew our commitment to help refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and other oppressive regimes with a special Sanctuary Service on Friday, April 6. The Shabbat before Passover commemorates the flight of our own people from slavery to freedom and celebrates Jewish dedication to social justice. Sha'ar Zahav pledged four years ago to become a Sanctuary Congregation that supports and protects refugees who have fled countries where they faced persecution.

The April 6 service will be an opportunity to talk with refugees who will be our guests, and to share our respective cultures. As has become our annual custom, our service will include special liturgy and songs on freedom and peace in Spanish, Hebrew, and English as well as a special sermon by Rabbi Kahn. Guillermo Chacon, a leader in the refugee support movement, will talk briefly about his recent trip to war-torn regions of El Salvador as part of a Sanctuary-sponsored delegation. Following the oneg, we will have an opportunity to meet with Guillermo and other refugees for an open discussion on current events in Central America and on refugee conditions in the Bay Area. A special food drive for Central American refugees is planned. Please bring donations of rice and beans to the service.

We continue our support of Sanctuary because of the continuing violence in El Salvador and Guatemala. Last November, six Salvadoran Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered by "death squads" who were later determined to be members of the Salvadoran military. Since November, over 1,000 Salvadoran church workers, trade union leaders, and other human-rights activists have been imprisoned without charge, and other leaders have gone into hiding. As a result, organizations working for human rights in El Salvador have been crippled. In Guatemala, there has been a resurgence in abductions, "disappearances," and killings, according to Amnesty International. New waves of refugees are now fleeing these countries. Today, over 100,000 Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees live in the Bay Area alone.

What does all this have to do with Sha'ar Zahav? After all, few of these refugees are Jewish, lesbian, or gay (al-

though some are). But as our Covenant of Sanctuary notes, we are involved because we, as Jews, and as lesbians and gays, have been persecuted, killed, or forced to flee other countries where we often were unwelcome. The Torah and our Jewish tradition demand that we assist the stranger who comes to live with us. The UAHF, the national organization of Reform Jewry, strongly advocates Sanctuary and an end to the violence in Central America.

If you wish to support Sha'ar Zahav's Sanctuary work, there are many ways you can:

- Donate to Sha'ar Zahav's special Sanctuary Fund, which supports refugees.
- Write letters to senators and Congress members, urging support for a suspension of the deportation of refugees and for a moratorium on military aid to El Salvador, in line with the Arias Peace Plan and as urged by the Sanctuary coalition of synagogues and churches.
- Call EMPLEO (824-3773) or MANOS (540-6266) refugee job cooperatives, if you need housekeeping, gardening, construction, or other work.
- Bring food donations to Sha'ar Zahav on April 6 or, at other times, to Grupo de Comida (Food Group) (282-6177).

- Join the Social Action Committee.

For more information on these activities, contact Social Action co-chairs Lisa Katz or Jonathan Mesinger. More information is also available on the Social Action bulletin board in the oneg room and on the back table in the sanctuary.

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Birthdays

2	Victoria B.
4	Peter Sergius Vishniac
6	Roberta Weber
7	Judy Macks
9	Max Lear
12	Terry Rothchild Rose
12	Katherine Grace Simon
13	Richard Adam Goldwasser
14	Lyssa Friedman
15	Luana Willis
15	Susan Michelle Stahl
17	Diana Buchbinder
18	Ethan Inlander
19	Sandra Butler
19	Sandy Meyers
19	Martin Spector
19	Alita Rosenfeld
20	Bill Ashley-Dobbin
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20	Aaron Nacamulli
22	Sandra Blair
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30	Henry Mach

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| 1 | Geraldine Rankin Minsky, mother of Mike Rankin | 15 | Kiva Hornstein, grandfather of Francie Hornstein |
| 1 | (Nisan 6) Edward Heilbrunn, father of Randy Heilbrunn | 17 | Paul Weiss, uncle of Lonnie Weiss |
| 1 | (Nisan 6) Morris Machtay, grandfather of Henry Mach | 21 | Lynn Campbell, lover of Cheri Pies |
| 2 | Kayla B. Given, mother of Laurie Hauer | 21 | Eugene Blau, grandfather of Lonnie Weiss |
| 2 | Ron Gertz, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav | 21 | Sadie Sperber, grandmother of Beth Berkelhammer |
| 2 | (Nisan 7) Max Zuflacht, grandfather of Elliot Gordon | 21 | Irving Rosenbaum, father of Robin Rosenbaum |
| 2 | Ron Gertz, lover of Howard Blechman | 22 | (Nisan 27) Morris Goldman, grandfather of Jonathan Goldman |
| 3 | (Nisan 8) Max Pechter, father of Bernard Pechter | 22 | (Nisan 27) Hans Rosenstein, brother of Jerry Rosenstein |
| 4 | Rebecca Hilsenrad, grandmother of Marjorie Hilsenrad | 23 | John Bamberger, father of Jenifer B. Dahlstrom |
| 4 | Abraham Cohen, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav | 25 | Irving Brill, father of Leonard Brill |
| 4 | (Nisan 9) Bessie Landesman, grandmother of Jonathan Goldman | 27 | Dora Yoffie, aunt of Stephanie Hannaford |
| 5 | (Nisan 10) Max Radetsky, grandfather of Allan Berenstein | 30 | Jimmy Pearson, friend of Daniel Chesir |
| 6 | Rebecca Nutes, grandmother of Barry Siegel | | |
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| 10 | Judith Adele Peine Tirschwell, mother of Deborah Tirschwell | | |
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Office Notes

There are many people to thank for special favors this month, beginning with CSZ member Brian Ellis, who has saved the staff's backs by donating two stenographer's chairs to the office. Thank you, Brian!

Thanks also to Elliot Gordon for donating two first-aid kits for emergency use at the synagogue. One will be kept in the upstairs bathroom and the other in a visible place in the kitchen. Hopefully, we will have no occasion to use them, but they are reassuring to have, just the same.

Thanks are also due to "Bob" of Elwell Trucking for arranging delivery of our new pew cushions at no charge. And Bob Kroll of Kroll Upholstery provided the fabric for the pew cushions, again at no charge. Many thanks to our friends in the community for their continuing support!

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To **Richard Inlander** on the loss of his aunt, Helen Inlander Henry.

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March Va'ad Report

The meeting began with the customary call to order and check in. Rabbi Kahn led us in D'var Torah, and spoke about this quote from Rabbi Tarfon: "The day is short, and the task is great, and the workers are sluggish, and the wages are high, and the Master of the house is pressing." While it refers directly to Torah and our Jewish responsibilities, it has meaning for the rest of our lives as well. Rabbi Kahn went on to speak about Yizkor services, which are traditionally held on the last day of Passover, Shavuot and Succot as well as on Yom Kippur. We will be holding a Yizkor service at the end of Passover—Sunday, April 15. In general we will be observing holidays on the day on which they fall, rather than at the closest Shabbat service.

Ben Schalit offered several explanatory comments, answered various questions about the monthly financial statement, and spoke about the response to the Building Fund letter which was mailed recently to members who were delinquent in their payments. He also led a discussion about what happens when a committee exceeds its budget, and spoke about moving funds into higher-yield accounts while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet our obligations.

Eric Keitel began his report by reading a thank-you letter from Nancy Katz, director of education for the Names Project, for our recent contribution of \$1,000 in support of the Israeli tour of the quilt. He reported on the results of the Election Committee's efforts to solicit candidates for the Va'ad for next year, and went on to discuss the Bitachon Fund, which has received substantial funds this year through the generous help of Bernard Pechter. Eric also reported on Rabbi Schindler's recent talk at USF, which several synagogue members attended.

Gail Friedlander informed the Va'ad of a meeting with Claudia Bernard and Scott Mezistrano regarding High Holy Days. Recommendations for 1990 and beyond will be presented at the next Va'ad meeting. Jenny Helbraun reported on the ongoing search for a full-time office secretary and the status of the project to purchase 25 additional folding chairs.

Several Va'ad members who attended the Purim party at the synagogue re-

ported its terrific success. Marc Mencher, the coordinator of the event, has followed up the Chanukah party success with another wonderful event.

As they promised last month, Eric Keitel and Robin Leonard had talked to delegates at the leadership conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations about holding the 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations at the University of San Francisco campus or at the Golden Gate Holiday Inn. Enough delegates felt USF was an unsuitable choice and the decision was made to use the Holiday Inn, taking into account that reservations have already been made.

Ann Biderman announced a Women's Dance to be held on May 5. Don Albert and Susan Gelmis reported on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration to be held this coming June, and led a discussion on finances, events, honorees, and other relevant matters. At their request the Va'ad approved a motion to fund the Scholar-in-Residence program. The Va'ad also approved purchase of a demonstration package for an accounting software package designed for non-

profits (currently in use by Berkeley Hillel among other organizations).

Next year's budget was the item on which the majority of time was spent. Don Albert presented the first draft of the proposed 1990-91 budget and there was considerable discussion. Questions were raised about both policy and the details of various line items to be discussed further at the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Don will present the next draft at the April Va'ad meeting.

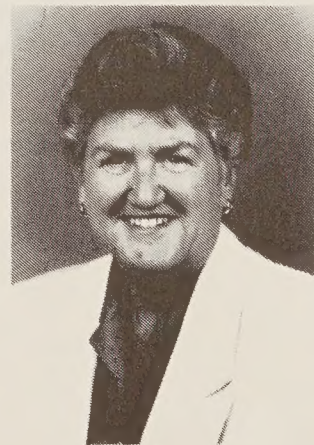
Merry Luskin, chair of the Membership Committee, presented four new individuals and two families, and they were unanimously voted in as members. The Va'ad also approved two proposals presented by Lisa Katz of the Social Action Committee. One was to co-sponsor the Forum on Reproduction Rights, and the other was to pay annual dues to the San Francisco Sanctuary Covenant, an umbrella group for all sanctuary congregations and organizations in San Francisco. Following a closed session on legal issues, the meeting was adjourned just past 10 pm with the singing of Oseh Shalom.

—Gail Friedlander

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Top row: Mantra Ben-Ya'akova gives her all; Kitty with boa; Al Baum and Aaron Cooper.

Middle row: Sonia Douglass, Rosalinda Del Moral and friend; David Nahmod; Jesse Peskin-Hornstein, Eric Keitel, Roslyn Fuerman, Katherine Gulley, and Robin Leonard (doing her Napoleon imitation).

Left: Bill Ashley Dobbin and amigo.

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All Purim photos by Michael Bettinger.

Purim Party, What a Success!

This year's Purim celebration was felt by many to be the best yet. The synagogue was filled to standing-room only, but this did not dampen the spirits of the very festive crowd. The multi-faceted evening seemed to offer something for everyone. Costumes ranged from the outlandish to the outrageous. Rabbi Yoel Kahn was in rare form, opening with a brief traditional service, after removing his pig nose and "Back to the Future" glasses. Daniel Chesir and members and friends of the congregation assisted with readings of the Megillah.

Leslie Bergson drove the event into high gear by leading a slapstick ensemble (Dana Vinicoff, Nancy Snow, Susan Gelmis, Jerry Hipps and Sanford Friedman) through humorous, creative lyrical spoofs on Jewish traditions and holidays. As if this wasn't enough, Mantra Ben-Ya'akova, along with piano accompanist Gere Fenellie, performed a set of wild and crazy numbers prancing around the bimah, tantalizing and amusing the audience. This unusual act was applauded with a standing ovation. Three highly qualified judges (Susan Unger, David Nahmod and Jesse Peskin-Hornstein) plowed through a mountain of hamentashen. Though their task was a difficult one, they were able to select the mother/daughter team of Roslyn Fuerman and Katherine Gullely as the first-prize winners. The audience poured into the oneg room to feast upon cake and other treats. Thanks to Eric Keitel and Aaron Cooper there was enough food to go around. Mantra and her friends Jhos Johnson, Bon Brown, and Dan Plosney, then began a second act, entertaining the crowd once again.

This event would not have been the success it was without the behind-the-scenes help of Eric Kamm (who went the extra mile). A thanks as well to Robin Leonard, Kirk Hinman, Beverly Hewitt, Lin Turner, all the hamentashen bakers, and the congregants who added enthusiasm to this celebration.

—Marc Mencher



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Around the world this month, Jews will be celebrating freedom on two occasions: Passover and Israeli Independence Day. Realizing the key role that the written word has played in that freedom, Jews have consistently written, published, and maintained libraries for centuries.

In continuation of this tradition, a number of our members have helped to maintain and contribute to the growth of our library. Robert Gutterman has donated a number of books, including Gerald Reitlinger's *Final Solution*. Former member Tanyan Corman gave us the Soncino editions of *Zohar* and *Midrash Rabbah*. New member Beverly Hewitt has donated much of her time to helping keep things in order.

Mark Freeman has enriched our library with seven tapes of his radio show *Healing Tales*. These are "stories from many cultures for people living with AIDS and those who care for them." Produced and hosted by Mark Freeman on KALW 91.7, the show has involved several of our members, including Purim party hit Mantra Ben-Ya'akova and Jonathan Schwartz. The show airs Monday nights at 8:30.

To contribute to the library's growth, the following titles are on our wish list:

- *Chumash and Rashi* (\$45);
- *Marc Chagall: The Jerusalem Windows* (\$35);
- *The Soncino Books of the Bible* (\$160);
- *A Vanished World* (\$60).

If you would like to donate these or any other books to the library, please call Bill Goldstein at 793-4283. We are also looking for a slide projector and screen. If you can help with this, please call me at 552-3047.

Note: our check-out system changed as of the first of the year. Please read and follow all of the directions for checking out and checking in books. Check-out is a privilege for all staff and members, including children. Check-out time is two weeks and books may be renewed.

Fiction Connection meetings have been changed to the third Thursday of the month. April and May are as follows:

- April 19, 7:30 pm, at the Diamond Street Restaurant, 737 Diamond at 24th Street, *Totempole*, by Sanford Friedman.
- May 17, 7:30 pm, at Luisa's Restaurant on Castro Street, *A Letter to Harvey Milk*, by Leslea Newman.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Librarian

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second and last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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APRIL

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1 Sunday 6 Nisan

- Daylight Savings—set clocks ahead one hour
- UAHC Presidents' Council

2 Monday 7 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Education Committee

3 Tuesday 8 Nisan

- 7pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism I, Rabbi Dorfman

4 Wednesday 9 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism II, Phyllis Mintzer

5 Thursday 10 Nisan

- 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning Meeting

6 Friday 11 Nisan

- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Sanctuary Service, Tzav, Shabbat HaGadol, Rabbi Kahn and Lyssa Friedman

7 Saturday 12 Nisan

- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 12pm, Pesach nursing home visits

8 Sunday 13 Nisan

9 Monday 14 Nisan

Erev Passover

10 Tuesday 15 Nisan

Passover—First Day

- 6:30pm, Congregational Seder at Lehr's Greenhouse

11 Wednesday 16 Nisan

Passover—Second Day

12 Thursday 17 Nisan

Passover—Third Day

- 7pm, Elections Committee mailing

13 Friday 18 Nisan

Passover—Fourth Day

- 9am, Project Open Hand kitchen help
- 4pm, Project Open Hand Easter deliveries
- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Chol Ha-Moed Pesach, Rabbi Kahn and Daniel Chesir

14 Saturday 19 Nisan

Passover—Fifth Day

- 9am, Project Open Hand kitchen help
- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 10:30am, Morning Services, Chol Ha-Moed Pesach, Sue Douglass
- 4pm, Project Open Hand Easter deliveries

15 Sunday 20 Nisan

Passover—Sixth Day

- 9am, Project Open Hand kitchen help

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- 4pm, Project Open Hand Easter deliveries
- 5pm, Post-Open Hand Easter deliveries potluck
- 8pm, Yizkor Service, Rabbi Kahn and Ritual Committee

16 Monday 21 Nisan

Passover—Seventh Day

- 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting
- Jewish Gaily Forward deadline

17 Tuesday 22 Nisan

Passover—Eighth Day

- 7pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Celebration of Life at MCC

18 Wednesday 23 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Israel Education Series, "Prospects for Peace"
- 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro St.

19 Thursday 24 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim

20 Friday 25 Nisan

- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Torah Service, Shemini, Dana Vinicoff and Larry Wexler

21 Saturday 26 Nisan

- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 12pm, Men's Brunch, 53 Digby St., San Francisco
- 4pm, Liturgy for Healing Service, Bill Schlichter

22 Sunday 27 Nisan

Yom Hashoah

23 Monday 28 Nisan

- 7–10pm, Gift shop open
- 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing/layout, 1711 Castro St.

24 Tuesday 29 Nisan

- 7pm, Drop-in Hebrew class

25 Wednesday 30 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Israel Education Series, "Touring in Israel Today"

26 Thursday 1 Iyyar

- 6:30pm, Ritual Committee
- 7:30pm, Social Action Committee

27 Friday 2 Iyyar

- 6pm, Children's service and dinner, Daniel Chesir
- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Tazria/Metzora, Bill Ashley-Dobbin and Ritual Committee, childcare available

28 Saturday 3 Iyyar

- 10:30am, Morning Services, Tazria/Metzora, Bill Schlichter and Kathy Simon

29 Sunday 4 Iyyar

- 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco

30 Monday 5 Iyyar

6 Friday, May 4 9 Iyyar

- 8:15pm, Services, Acharei Mot/Kedoshim, Mike Rankin and Dana Vinicoff

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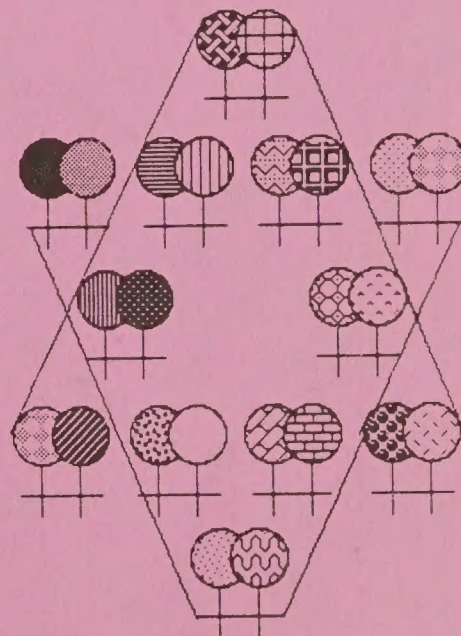
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